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THE WOLVERINE

After surviving the Wastelands, a future where villains rose up and took over the world, Old Man Logan awoke in the present, determined to prevent the deaths of his wife and children. Although he's accepted his past, he is still haunted by his lost family.

While hunting for Lady Deathstrike in Japan, Logan was captured by a group of warrior monks known as the Silent Order. A young boy, leader of the monks, envisioned Logan's fatal encounter with the monks in the dystopian future, the Wastelands. To prevent his own death and the demise of the Silent Order, the young boy unleashed a telekinetic blast that overpowered Logan.

Now Logan must claw his way back to survival and save his enemy, the young boy, as well.

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JAPAN. NOW.

SEND DOWN ROPE, AND STAND BACK. I DON'T WANT TO HURT HIM, BUT *I WILL.*

NOT EVEN YOU WOULD KILL A DEFENSELESS BOY, LOGAN.

MAYBE NOT. BUT *I* WOULD.

...

ROPE. GET ROPE. ***NOW.***

WHEN WE GET OUT OF THIS, YOU *OWE ME,* LOGAN.

OWE YOU? YURIKO, IF WE GET OUT OF THIS, I'LL MAKE YOU A DAMNED *X-MAN.*

PLEASE. I WOULDN'T JOIN YOUR LITTLE CLUB IF YOU PAID ME.

BESIDES, WE BOTH KNOW YOU WOULDN'T REALLY HURT THE CHILD.

AH @^#$!

THOOM

I AM SO DONE WITH THIS.

I'LL JUST KILL THE DAMNED BOY NOW AND END IT.

YURIKO, NO!

NGG-- GAAH!

YOU WON'T KILL ME!!

THOOM

HOLD ON, KID. I KNOW YOU'RE SCARED.

SCARED? I'M NOT SCARED OF *ANYTHING.*

SURE YOU ARE. AND THAT'S OKAY. I TOLD YOU, KID. I WILL NOT HURT YOU. NOT NOW, *NOT* EVER.

ENOUGH! MASTER, YOU MUST RETURN TO THE MONASTERY. WE WILL FINISH THIS!

SOHEI, WAIT!

NO! NO MORE! *LOGAN DIES NOW!*

UNGH!

SO HERE IT IS. MY FUTURE HAS *FINALLY* CAUGHT UP TO ME.

THIS IS *JUST* HOW IT HAPPENED BEFORE. THEY ATTACK AND I FIGHT BACK.

EXCEPT THIS TIME I GOT NOTHING TO LOSE. I ALREADY LOST IT ALL.

MAYBE I SHOULD JUST GIVE INTO IT. JUST LET MYSELF *FALL AGAIN.*

I COULD KILL SOHEI LIKE I DID LAST TIME. THEN KILL THE BOY. LEAVE IT ALL BEHIND.

IT WOULD BE SO EASY TO BECOME THE THING THEY'RE SO SCARED OF...

MAUREEN, WAIT!

THE WASTELANDS. THEN.

I'M *SURE*. I'M PREGNANT, LOGAN.

ARE YOU *SURE?*

I KNEW ON THE BOAT ON THE WAY HERE.

BUT I DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO TELL YOU. I THOUGHT I'D WAIT UNTIL WE GOT TO JAPAN...UNTIL WE STARTED OUR NEW LIFE.

BUT THEN...

LOOK AT ME, MAUREEN. THIS IS *OVER.* ALL OF IT. I WILL NEVER BE THAT THING AGAIN.

I WILL NEVER BE *WOLVERINE* AGAIN.

ARE YOU SAYING THAT-- ARE YOU SAYING YOU WANT TO HAVE THE BABY, JAMES?

I AIN'T EVER WANTED ANYTHING MORE THAN TO BE WITH YOU. I KNOW THAT'S CRAZY, EVERYTHING I BEEN THROUGH.

EVERYTHING I LOST. BUT I TAKE ONE LOOK AT YOU AND ALL I SEE IS WHAT COULD *STILL* BE. YOU MAKE ME WANT TO START AGAIN, MAUREEN.

SO YOU'RE DAMNED RIGHT I WANT *OUR BABY.*

BUT THIS WORLD...IT'S DYING. HELL, IT'S ALREADY DEAD.

WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE BRING A BABY INTO *THIS?*

WE CAN'T SAVE THE WORLD. SPENT A LOT OF YEARS TRYING. BUT MAYBE WE CAN SAVE *A LITTLE PIECE OF IT.* OUR PIECE.

"I HAD A SON ONCE."

LAST TIME I SAW HIM, LAST TIME I SAW ***MY BOY***, HE WASN'T MUCH OLDER THAN YOU ARE NOW.

I'D GIVE ANYTHING FOR HIM TO HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE.

THIS WORLD IS HARD ENOUGH. I WON'T KILL YOU, BUT YOU STAY WITH SOHEI AND IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL ***SOMEONE ELSE*** DOES.

YOU GOT ALL THAT POWER, BOY? WELL THEN, ***LOOK*** IN ***MY HEAD.***

YOU LOOK AND YOU SEE WHO ***I REALLY AM.*** SEE THAT I'M TELLING YOU THE TRUTH...

"...THE FUTURE IS *ALREADY GONE*, JUST LIKE THE PAST."

YOU-- YOU LOST THEM. YOU LOST THEM ALL.

MASTER, YOU MUST NOT LISTEN TO HIM. KILL HIM NOW!

BUT HE-- HE'S COME BACK. HE WAS THERE AND NOW HE'S *HERE*. I DON'T--I DON'T UNDERSTAND?

BELIEVE ME, KID. I BARELY UNDERSTAND MYSELF AND I'M *LIVING* IT.

HELL, I DON'T KNOW WHAT *WILL* AND WHAT WON'T HAPPEN. ALL I KNOW IS WHAT'S HERE AND NOW. AND JUST LIKE ME, YOU GOT A CHOICE.

YOU CAN STAY WITH THEM AND LET THEM DECIDE WHAT YOUR FUTURE WILL BE, OR YOU CAN CHOOSE YOUR *OWN WAY.*

HE HAS NO CHOICE! HE WAS BORN TO LEAD US! IT IS HIS DESTINY!

THE SILENT ORDER WILL RISE, MASTER, AND YOU WILL LEAD US TO GREATNESS!

BUT I--

BUT NOTHING! YOU ARE THE HOLY ONE! YOU ARE THE BLESSED. YOU ARE GREATNESS INCARNATE!

SHUT UP!

YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN THESE GIFTS TO LIFT US ALL UP!

STOP IT!!!

I--I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS ANYMORE. I DON'T WANT TO HURT ANYONE ELSE.

WERE WE WRONG ABOUT YOU? MAYBE YOU'RE ***TOO WEAK*** TO LEAD US. MAYBE YOU'RE JUST A ***FALSE PROPHET.***

I JUST WANT TO BE A BOY...

I JUST WANT YOU TO LEAVE ME ALONE!

ARRRGHHHHH!!!

KID, DID YOU--

THEY'RE NOT DEAD...

...THERE HAS ALREADY BEEN ENOUGH DEATH HERE.

GOOD FOR YOU, KID.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN NOW? TO SOHEI AND THE ORDER? TO ME?

I'LL PUT IN A CALL TO S.H.I.E.L.D. THEY'LL PUT SOHEI AND THESE OTHER GOONS SOMEWHERE THEY CAN'T EVER HURT YOU AGAIN.

AND YOU? I CAN TAKE YOU WITH ME.

WE CAN LEAVE THIS ALL BEHIND.

AND--AND WHERE YOU COME FROM. YOU SAID YOU KNOW OTHER KIDS *LIKE ME?* CHILDREN WHO ARE...*DIFFERENT?*

A WHOLE HOUSE FULL OF 'EM. A BIG MANSION. YOU'LL LOVE IT THERE. I PROMISE.

I DID LIE ABOUT *ONE THING.*

THE FUTURE, MY PAST, IT MAY NEVER COME TO PASS. THAT MUCH IS TRUE. BUT IT'S *NOT GONE.*

THE WASTELANDS. THEN.

I STILL GOT IT ALL INSIDE OF ME. ALL THE STUFF THAT MATTERS, ANYHOW.

GOTTA SAY, AT FIRST I THOUGHT THAT HAT WAS RIDICULOUS, BUT IT'S ACTUALLY STARTING TO GROW ON ME.

TOLD YA. BESIDES, IF I'M GONNA BE A COWBOY, I GOTTA LOOK THE PART.

SPEAKING OF WHICH. I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME WE FOUND A PLACE TO HANG THAT HAT, COWBOY. BEEN RIDING FOR DAYS.

WHAT ABOUT THAT PLACE? NEEDS SOME WORK, BUT...

BUT?

BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HOME TO ME.

END.

ZONE